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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NON-ALIGNED FONMINISTERS MEETING
AT BELGRADE

REF: A) STATE 178240; B) STATE 178242

1. CHIEF POLOFF SAW MOFA UNDER SECRETARY MAITHA (UN AND AMERICAS) TO MAKE POINTS REFTELS AND LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE. ALTHOUGH FONMIN WAIYAKI PROCEEDED DIRECTLY FROM OAU MEETING TO BELGRADE, MAITHA HAD BRIEFED HIM PRIOR TO
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KHARTOUM AND IS KNOWLEDGEABLE RE GOK POSITIONS FOR BELGRADE MEETING.

2. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF MAITHA'S REMARKS:

A. CUBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA: GOK RESPECTS EVERY NATIONS RIGHT TO CALL FOR HELP FROM WHOMEVER IT WANTS (GOK HAS

CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED ETHIOPIA'S RIGHT TO ENLIST SUPPORT OF CUBAN TROOPS AGAINST COMMON ENEMY SOMALIA) BUT RECOGNIZES LONG-RANGE PROBLEM OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT AS SURROGATE IN SUPPORT OF SOVIET INTERESTS. KENYAN VIEW IS THAT ONCE SUCH CONTENTIOUS ISSUES AS ERITREA, RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA RESOLVED RATIONALE FOR CUBAN PRESENCE WOULD BE UNDERCUT AND GOK WOULD TAKE FIRM POSITION FOR CUBAN DEPARTURE. MAITHA ADDED THAT GOK FULLY AWARE SOVIETS HAVE ONLY ARMS AND PROPAGANDA TO GIVE AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHEREAS REAL NEED IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. GOK BELIEVES BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH CUBAN ISSUE AT BELGRADE IS TO CREATE CONSENSUS ON NEED FOR STRENGTHENING NAM AND ADHERENCE TO ITS PRINCIPLES.

B. MIDDLE EAST: GOK IS COGNIZANT OF U.S. EFFORTS FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING PALESTINIAN ISSUE. ALSO, GOK WILL CONTINUE TO RESERVE ITS POSITION ON RACISM/ZIONISM ISSUE. LATTER POSITION BASED ON BELIEF THERE CURRENTLY NOT SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO EQUATE ZIONISM WITH RACISM.

C. SOUTHERN AFRICA: GOK AGREES WITH U.S. APPROACH TO PURSUE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS (GOK STRONGLY OPPOSES INTERNAL SETTLEMENT) AND WHILE HOPEFUL THAT NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT NEAR, TAKES POSITION THAT NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE MUST INCLUDE ALL NAMIBIAN TERRITORY, INCLUDING WALVIS BAY.

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D. MASS MEDIA: WHILE GOK SUPPORTS EFFORTS FOR COMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT FOR THIRD WORLD, IT OPPOSES MEASURES DESIGNED TO RESTRICT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION BOTH IN CONTENT AND MOVEMENT (THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH INTERNAL GOK POLICY WHICH SUPPORTS FREEDOM OF PRESS AND SPEECH TO EXTENT RARELY SEEN ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA).

E. PUERTO RICO: GOK DOES NOT BELIEVE NAM SHOULD DICTATE TO PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO AND RESPECTS DECISION OF MAJORITY THAT PUERTO RICO RETAIN COMMONWEALTH STATUS. MAITHA SAID GOK WOULD NOT SUPPORT CONDEMNATION OF U.S. ON THIS ISSUE AND RECOGNIZED THAT ISSUE CONTRIVED BY SOME WHO JUST INTERESTED IN MAKING TROUBLE FOR U.S.

F. KOREA: GOK SUPPORTS DIALOGUE AMONG ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND WOULD NOT APPROVE OF ANY RESOLUTION WHICH FAVORED NORTH OVER SOUTH. MAITHA ADDED THAT WHILE AT PRESENT SOLE KOREAN PRESENCE IN NAIROBI WAS SOUTH KOREAN, GOK HAS INFORMED NORTH KOREA IT FREE TO OPEN EMBASSY IN NAIROBI SHOULD IT WISH.

3. COMMENT: GOK DEL TO BELGRADE NAM MEETING EXPECTED TO

MAINTAIN LOW VISIBILITY WHICH HAS BECOME CUSTOMARY IN SUCH
INTERNATIONAL FORA. ONLY MOFA OFFICIALS ASIDE FROM FONMIN ON
KENYAN DEL ARE UNDER SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AND COMMONWEALTH
AFFAIRS, DR MALUKI, AND LOW-RANKING ASSISTANT FROM UN AND
AMERICAS DIVISION. GOK CAN BE EXPECTED TO GO ALONG WITH
MAINSTREAM, RESERVING ITS POSITION WHERE NECESSARY ON SUCH
ISSUES AS RACISM/ZIONISM, PUERTO RICO AND KOREA.
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